

**Careers and Employability Service**

**What Can I Do With My Degree?**

**Politics and  
International Relations**

## Introduction

This resource is designed for you to discover what you can do with your degree. It contains information on:

- [Skills gained through your degree](#) - useful in career decision-making and when applying for graduate jobs
- [Overview of the main career areas with your degree](#) - to help you understand what other students with your degree have gone on to do
- [Links to selected relevant professional bodies and associations](#) - to help you understand the sector and also provide advice and information
- [Finding opportunities](#) - including finding jobs and internships, volunteering opportunities, specialist recruitment agencies.
- [Further study](#) - professional qualifications and programmes aligned to your first degree

## Skills gained through your degree

In a competitive graduate labour market, it is important that you are able to demonstrate the key skills that you have developed through your degree programme.

Reflecting upon the skills you have gained and your skill strengths can also be helpful in career decision making. The following resources can help you to understand the skills gained from your degree.

[Prospects](#) - Take a look at the "Skills for your CV" section

[Discover...yourself](#)

[Your course learning outcomes](#) - Your course modules contain aims and learning outcomes. These are useful in assisting you to recognise and reflect upon the skills developed during your studies. The programme specification document for your course also includes a number of skills that you should have developed throughout your time studying.

## Overview of the main career areas with your degree

Politics and International Relations graduates are also equipped for numerous roles in a wide variety of career sectors. Some popular roles include: Civil Service, market research, human resources, consultancy, analyst roles, and teaching, among many more.

The resources below will enable you to explore these in more detail.

[Prospects](#)

[TargetJobs](#)

[National Careers Service](#)

[What Do Graduates Do?](#)

## **Links to selected professional bodies and associations**

[The Academy of Social Sciences](#)

[Social Research Association](#)

[International Association for Community Development \(IACD\)](#)

[Local Government Association](#)

[European Public Affairs Consultancies Association](#)

[Chartered Institute of Public Relations](#)

[Public Relations Consultants Association](#)

[National Association of Press Agencies](#)

[National Council for the Training of Journalists](#)

[Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development](#)

[Chartered Institute of Marketing](#)

[Market Research Society](#)

## **Finding relevant opportunities**

This section suggests selected sources of opportunities that are most closely linked to your degree. Remember though, that students studying your subject can enter a much wider range of career options.

[Guardian Jobs](#) – find the latest graduate jobs in government and politics

[PubAffairs](#) – the premier network and leading resource for the public affairs, government relations, policy and communication industry

[W4MP](#) – a web resource for those who want to work for Members of Parliament

[Local Government Association](#) – information on the Graduate Management Development Programme

[Charity Choice](#) – searchable database of UK charities

[Charityworks](#) – Non-profit sector's graduate programme

[Civil Service Jobs](#) – Find jobs in the Civil Service and central government organisations

[Civil Service Fast Stream](#) – Civil Service Graduate programme

[Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office](#) – Careers at the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth & development Office

[European Commission](#) – Entry level job vacancies in 31 countries

[New Statesman](#) – weekly political, cultural and current affairs magazine

[EuroBrussels](#) – The European Affairs Jobsite

[PPS Group](#) – Independent communications consultancy focused on public affairs

[Policy Jobs](#) – browse the latest research and policymaking jobs around the world

[UIA](#) – Union of International Associations – search and browse intergovernmental organisation websites e.g. UN, World Bank

[UN Careers](#) – career opportunities and internships within the United Nations

[Idealist Careers](#) – Connecting people, organisations and resources to help build a better world

[ThirdSectorJobs](#) – Find your perfect charity job in a range of industries

[BOND](#) – Providing support to organisations working in international development through funding, research, training and other services

[Parliament](#) – Information on current job vacancies within UK Parliament and more

[NATO](#) – Details on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization internships

[UNHRC](#) – Internships and job opportunities at the UN Refugee Agency

[Jobsgopublic](#) – Public sector jobs in local government, charity, education, housing and more

[Get into teaching](#) – Department for Education site about teacher training

### **Further study**

[Prospects](#) – Search postgraduate courses, advice and funding information

[Target Postgrad](#) – advice and information on postgraduate study

[Careers Service](#) – includes information on Law, Teaching and Medicine